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Application of: Christopher CAVALLARO et al.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This response is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 10, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the following remarks be entered into the record of the above-identified application and be fully considered by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-28 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Because no amendments were made, no new matter has been added by this response.

Rejection Over U.S. Patent No. 6,248,027 to Hayashi et al.

Claims 1-16 and 18-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,248,027 to Hayashi et al. ("Hayashi"). Hayashi is generally directed to a multi-piece, solid golf ball of a structure having at least four layers, including an inner core, an outer core, an inner cover, and an outer cover. The golf ball and its respective layers are allegedly optimized in variables such as hardness, thickness, weight, and moment of inertia.

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